



St Charles' Catholic Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

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LINKS WITH THE PARISH

This week has been "40 Hours of Adoration" in church and it was lovely that most classes were able to go to church and spend some quiet reflection time there. On Wednesday lunch-time, the children who attend our Prayer Group went to church to pray the Rosary. Other parishioners in church commented on how wonderful it was to hear the children joining in the prayers so beautifully.

Congratulations to the children in Year 4 who received the sacrament of Holy Communion last Sunday. All the children will have received the sacrament by the end of June and we will have a celebration mass with all children before the end of term. Further details will be provided nearer the time.

Children in Year 3 will be taken to 9.30am mass on Tuesday 12th June and all parents and family members are very welcome to join us. Fr. James will visit school on Tuesday to talk to the children in Year 2.

GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

I am delighted to let you know that Alex Dutton, a pupil in Year 4, was presented with the Good Citizenship Award at St. George's Hall last week. I nominated Alex because of the good work he has done to try to make our community better; including taking part in the local initiative to pick up litter from the streets, and also for his fund-raising for a variety of worthy causes. There were nominations from schools throughout the city, so it is a wonderful achievement for Alex to have been chosen. Alex and his family were greeted by Sir Jon Murphy, and his award was presented by the Children's Laureate, Lauren Child. Alex was on stage, in front of an audience of nearly 500 people and I am incredibly proud of him and his achievements. Well done Alex.

RECEPTION ASSEMBLY

It was so lovely to see so many parents and family members in school this morning to share in the celebration assembly with the Reception class. They shared their learning with us and sang so well. It is hard to believe that we are now getting them ready for their move into Year 1 – where has the time gone?!!

SWIMMING LESSONS

At this time of year, there are additional swimming lessons for children in Year 6 who have not yet attained the 25 metre award. Swimming lessons for Year 2 and Year 3 will commence again on Tuesday 19th June.

PHONIC SCREENING CHECK

Children in Year 1 will be completing the Phonic Screening Check next week. This is a statutory requirement by the Department for Education, for every child nationally in Year 1. The Phonic Screening Check will be delivered by Miss Cullen during the course of the week, so it is essential that all children are in school every day.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS COMPETITION

A large team of pupils from KS2 took part in this annual athletics competition at Wavertree Athletics Centre over two afternoons this week. For many of the children it was the first time they had represented the school in this way, and they all did very well. Thanks to the parents who came to support them and cheer them on, and to the staff who accompanied the children.

COLOMENDY

On Monday most of the pupils in Year 6, accompanied by Mrs Walker, Miss Morris, Ms Scott and Mrs Ward are setting off for a residential visit to Colomendy. The children and their parents have been given all the information regarding the arrangements for Monday. We look forward to hearing all about their adventures on their return. Those year 6 children not going on the trip are expected to attend school as normal.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

There has been an increase in the number of families taking holidays during term time and this has had a negative impact on our overall school attendance. Our attendance needs to be 97% but in Spring term, we only achieved 94%. Also, in order for every child to get the best possible opportunities from school each day, it is important that they arrive promptly, with the necessary resources for the day. The school gate opens at 8.40am to allow children to have some social time before the start of lessons at 8.55am. Please support your child by getting them to school every day on time.

PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

All money, whether it is dinner money, Breakfast Club fees, or After School Club payments must be made on Mondays. It should be brought into school in an envelope with the child's name on.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Monday – Elite Soccer

Monday – KS2 Girls' football club with Miss Morris

Tuesday – KS2 Boys' football club with Mr Cross

Wednesday – Athletics

Thursday – Change for Life

All after school activities finish at **4.30pm** and I would ask that all children are collected **promptly**.

As you all know, our school Mission is to **“Love, learn, grow together”** as a whole parish community. In the spirit of our Mission, I would ask that all visitors to the school show respect to the Admin team, who work tirelessly to ensure that the school runs smoothly.

Many thanks for your continued support for the school.

Mrs A Roberts

MERIT AWARDS THIS WEEK

Reception - Fraser

Year 1 - Poppy

Year 2 – Mason

Year 3 – Jayden

Year 4 – Kaila

Year 5 – Lexie

Year 6 - Oliwier

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Lates</u>
REC	95.6%	10
Y1	97.9%	2
Y2	90%	4
Y3	93.6%	6
Y4	92.1%	5
Y5	93.9%	7
Y6	89.7%	2

Well done to **Year 1** for the best attendance this week, and to **Years 1 and 6** for having fewest lates.